

sulfate was dissolved in 5 ml of the aqueous solution. Afterward, two examinees (which were represented by A and B in Table 1) hold the whole amount of the solution in their mouths, and then evaluated the degree of a bitter taste and numbness in accordance with five grades. The results are shown in Table 1.--

IN THE CLAIMS :

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein the medicine is granules, fine granules, powders, liquids, syrups or jellies.

21. (Amended) The medicine composition according to claim 15 wherein the medicine is granules, fine granules, powders, liquids, syrups or jellies.

Please add the following claims:

--22. (New) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a basic medicine having the unpleasant taste and an anionic polymer,

wherein said anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and